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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs:

The proposed settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft is a complete travesty of justice.

The definitions of certain key terms (cf: API) are significantly different from the definitions used in the Finding of Fact. This allows a proven unscrupulous company to violate the spirit of the settlement with the letter of the settlement.

Microsoft would also be able to get away with a slap on the wrist, and a charge of ``sin no more." We have seen that this is ineffective, as Microsoft was in this exact position about four years ago.

Microsoft is also free to engage in their monopolistic behaviour by keeping secret key data formats, and interface details. This is similar to selling someone a car(data) and a chauffeur(application), but refusing to tell them how any of the controls(format, interface) work. The only way to drive the car is to use the company's chauffeur.

If the settlement is allowed to go through in its current form, the American people will suffer further from the monopolistic practices of Microsoft.

Sincerely,

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